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S. I, Special Branch, Station, H H

REPORT

Date April 6, 1940.

Subject. BRICK, "Jack" Jacob Leon - Communication from British

Consulate-General dated April 1, 1940

Made by D.S. Henchman Forwarded by D.I. Crawford

Jacob Leon "Jack" BRICK, Russian Jew, was born at Semiplatinsk, Siberia, on 14th October, 1884. He was a registered Soviet citizen until 1934 when he is alleged to have surrendered his Soviet passport to the Public Safety Bureau and to have taken out emigration papers, at the same time registering himself and his family with the Russian Emigrants Committee. Despite his apparent volte face BRICK, while registering with the White Russian organization, is believed to have retained his Soviet identity and have maintained his connections with Soviet citizens in Siberia.

BRICK who is a chemist by profession and who graduated in chemistry at the Tomsk University, came to China in 1921. He spent six months in Tientsin and then moved to Shanghai where he was employed as manager of the Soviet Trade Mission. He remained with the trade mission until 1927 when that organ was dissolved, the majority of its personnel returning to Russia. BRICK, however, stayed in Shanghai and set up in business as a broker. He achieved a certain degree of success and became well known in circles of rather doubtful reputation. At present he shares an office at Room 106-A in the Glen Line Building, 2 Peking Road, with one Abraham KATZ, a Jew with Soviet affiliations. He is engaged in the import/export business and

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recently is reported to have negotiated deals in vegetable oils on behalf of Glathe and Witt and Reuter Brockelmann, both German concerns.

BRICK resides at Apartment 24, House 3, Lane 1173 Bubbling Well Road, with his wife, Hiena BORISOVNA, his daughter, EVA, and his wife's brother, M.B. KATZNELSON. Hiena BRICK practices as a dentist and is assisted by her brother who is a dental mechanic. Also residing at the above address are KATZNELSON's wife, REBECCA, and Mr. and Mrs. S.I. SHEIFLAND, all of whom are believed to be Soviet sympathisers.



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D.C. (Special Branch).

British Consulate-General,

SHANGHAI,

1st April 1940.

Dear Mr. Yorke,

I should be obliged for any information you may have concerning the firm of Jack Brick & Company, which is said to have an office at Room 106A, Glen Line Building. Mr. Jack Brick is reputed to be a British subject, but he is not registered here, and at present he appears to be acting as a cloak for Reuter, Brockélmann & Company.

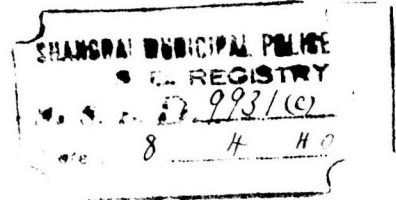
Yours sincerely,

Quarant

R. W. Yorke, Esquire,
Assistant Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
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Dear Mr. Evans,

With reference to your letter
dated April 1, 1940, I forward herewith
a copy of report regarding one Jack Brick.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature, likely of A. J. Evans, written in ink.

A. J. Evans, Esq.,

H.B.M. Consulate-General,

Shanghai.

*Original letter despatched
8-4-40, a.m.*

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SUBJECT

Jacob Leon ("Jack") Brick

Inquiry re activities in
Shanghai

BRICK, "Jack" Jacob Leon - Soviet

Chemist by profession. Manager of the Soviet Trade Mission until 1927. Set up business as a broker. Shares an office at Rm. 100-A, Glen Line Bldg., 2 Peking Road, with Abraham KATZ. Is engaged in the import/export business. Resides at Apt. 24, House 3, Lane 1173 Bubbling Well Rd.

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BORISOVNA, Hiena - Soviet
Wife of above. Practices as a dentist.

KATZNELSON, M. B. - Soviet
Brother of Hiena Borisovna. Is a dental mechanic.

KATZNELSON, Rebecca - Soviet
Wife of above.

SHEIFLAND, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. - Soviets
Reside at Apt. 24, House 3, Lane 1173 Bubbling Well Rd.